

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Machida *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/744,146

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For: COMPLEX COMPRISING CARRIER,  
NUCLEIC ACID RECEPTOR, AND  
PREDETERMINED MOLAR RATIO  
OF TYPES OF LABELS

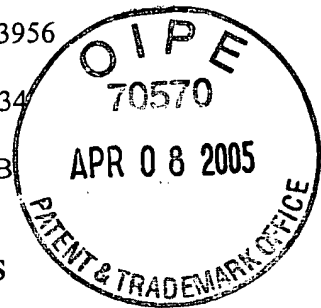
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 11, 2005**

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Sir:

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, the Office Action having a shortened period for response that expires on April 11, 2005. The present paper is timely filed since this paper is being filed prior to or on the three-month date, April 11, 2005. No request for an extension of time is believed necessary. However, should a request for an extension of time be needed for consideration of the present response, this paper is such a request. The present paper is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 and a check in the amount of \$395.00 for the fee under §1.17(e). Should any further fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 08-1394/10287.39.

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